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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TURKISH GUEST WORKER FLIGHT

1. PAA BERLIN OFFICIAL HOCHGESCHWENDER CALLED US AT 11 A.M., AUGUST 20, TO REPORT THAT ACCORDING TO PAA ISTANBUL, TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD REFUSED TO PERMIT TODAY'S PAA FLIGHT ONE TO DEPART UNLESS IT PICKED UP 127 STRANDED TURKISH GUEST WORKERS FOR A RETURN FLIGHT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. HOCHGESCHWENDER BELIEVED FLIGHT ONE WAS ALMOST FULLY BOOKED.

2. PAA ORIGINALLY HAD A CHARTER CONTRACT TO FLY THE WORKERS TO BERLIN ON AUGUST 16; HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE CLOSURE OF GREEK AIRSPACE THE FLIGHT COULD NOT BE MADE. ATTEMPTS TO USE ALTERNATIVE ROUTING THROUGH BULGARIAN AIRSPACE HAVE FAILED, EVEN THOUGH PAA WAS WILLING TO ROUTE THE CHARTER THROUGH A POINT IN THE FRG IN ORDER TO OVERCOME BULGARIAN OBJECTIONS TO A BERLIN ORIGIN FLIGHT. PAA AND THE TRAVEL ORGANIZER TAM TURK AGENCY ARE NOW TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR A CONDOR AIRLINES SUB-CHARTER TO BRING THE TURKISH WORKERS TO HAMBURG OR

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HANNOVER WHERE THEY COULD BE PICKED UP BY A PAA AIRCRAFT

FOR THE REST OF THE FLIGHT TO BERLIN. HOCHGESCHWENDER IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT CONDOR WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE FLIGHT SOMETIME LATER IN THE DAY.

3. HOCHGESCHWENDER'S LATEST WORD IS THAT PAA ONE IS PRESENTLY DELAYED AT BEIRUT FOR REPAIRS AND WILL NOT ARRIVE IN ISTANBUL UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER MIDNIGHT AUGUST 21.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE WE HOPE PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED WHEN A CONDOR FLIGHT IS CONFIRMED, AMCONGEN ISTANBUL MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH THE LOCAL PAA REP TO GET A READING ON THE SITUATION. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO APPROACH TURKISH GOVERNMENT, CONGEN AND EMBASSY ANKARA MIGHT WISH TO STRESS THAT PAA'S INABILITY TO COMPLETE TURKISH WORKER FLIGHT IS DUE ENTIRELY TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND ITS CONTROL. WITH THE CLOSURE OF GREEK AIRSPACE, THE ONLY ROUTING POSSIBLE WOULD BE THROUGH BULGARIAN AIRSPACE. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, GOB HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO GRANT BERLIN ORIGIN FLIGHTS OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS AND PAA'S APPLICATION FOR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FOR A NUERNBERG ORIGIN FLIGHT HAS GONE UNANSWERED.

5. AFTER THE ABOVE WAS DRAFTED, PAA INFORMED US THAT A CONDOR SUB-CHARTER HAD BEEN ARRANGED AND WILL ARRIVE AT ISTANBUL 0010 GMT TO PICK UP STRANDED TURKISH PASSENGERS FOR A RETURN FLIGHT TO HAMBURG.  
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